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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION, COLUMBUS, OHIO, DECEMBER 27–29, 1916.

The seventy-eighth annual meeting of the American Statistical Association was held at Columbus, Ohio, December 27–29, 1916.

PROGRAM.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27.

8.00 p. m. First Session, Banquet Hall, Hotel Deshler.

Joint meeting of all the Associations.

Presiding, William Oxley Thompson, of the Ohio State University.

Addresses by the Presidents:

"The National Point of View in Economics," Thomas N. Carver, American Economic Association.

"Countryside and Nation," George E. Vincent, American Sociological Society.

"Opportunities for Practical Work by the Statistical Association," Charles P. Neill, American Statistical Association.

"The Need for Health Insurance," Irving Fisher, American Association for Labor Legislation.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28.

10.00 a. m. Second Session, Chapel, First Congregational Church.

1. "Comparative International Statistics," Royal Meeker, U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2. "Utilization of Statistics in Business," Julius H. Parmelee, Bureau of Railway Economics.
3. "The Increasing Mortality After 45,—Some Causes and Explanations," Louis I. Dublin, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Discussion.

2.30 p. m. Third Session, Chapel, First Congregational Church.

Business Meeting.

10.00 p. m. Smoker, Hotel Deshler.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29.

10.00 a. m. Fourth Session, Room 106, General Library Building, Ohio State University.

Joint meeting with the American Economic Association.

"Do the Statistics Regarding the Concentration of Wealth in the United States Mean What They Are Commonly Assumed to,

Mean?" Allyn A. Young, Cornell University; Willford I. King, University of Wisconsin.

Discussion: Davis R. Dewey, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; George P. Watkins, Public Service Commission, N. Y. City.

Discussion from the floor under the five-minute rule.

1.00 p. m. A complimentary luncheon by the Ohio State University.

6.30 p. m. Banquet at the Athletic Club, on Broad Street, followed by a discussion of a number of special problems likely to arise at the close of the European War.

Minutes of the Business Meeting.

Meeting called to order at 2.30 p. m., Professor Carl J. West presiding.

The reading of the minutes of the previous annual meeting was dispensed with as they had been published in the Quarterly Publications of the Association.

The Secretary presented the following report:

Secretary's Report.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Association:

I have the following to report in regard to the condition of the Association:

Membership December 29, 1915, date of last annual meeting		683
New members added		98
Deaths during the year	6	
Resignations	22	
Dropped	54	
Total deductions		82
Present membership		699
Net gain		16
Beside members we have:		
Subscribers (mostly libraries)		215
Domestic Exchanges		40
Foreign Exchanges		117
Total mailing list		1,071

The death of the following members has been reported during the year: E. L. R. Gould, Theodore L. Keppler, E. P. Marshall, W. J. Montgomery, James P. Tolman, Robert G. Valentine.

Four regular numbers of the QUARTERLY PUBLICATIONS have been issued during the year, containing an aggregate of 470 pages, or an average of 118 pages, per number.

Only two meetings of the Association have been held during the year; both of these were held in New York City, on May 5 and December 14, respectively. These meetings took the form of a dinner, followed by round-table discussion. The average attendance was about 50.

It is noteworthy that there has been a marked increase in the Association's membership in New York City in recent years, especially since quarterly meetings have been held there rather regularly. It is to be hoped that the members in other large cities will find it worth while to follow the excellent example of our New York members.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL W. DOTEN,
Secretary.

On motion, it was voted to accept the report of the Secretary and to authorize its publication in the proceedings in the March number of the QUARTERLY PUBLICATIONS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

December 23, 1915, to December 22, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Membership dues	$1,372.15	
Sales and subscriptions	583.96	
Dividends and interest	159.68	
Balance on hand, December 23, 1915	850.97	
		$2,966.76

EXPENDITURES.

Printing	$1,536.36	
Postage	217.88	
Salaries and clerical service	578.46	
Expenses	47.99	
	$2,380.69	
Balance on hand, December 22, 1916	586.07	
		$2,966.76

ASSETS.

17 shares B. & A. R. R. stock.

S. B. PEARMAIN,
Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have audited the accounts of the treasurer of the American Statistical Association, for the year ending December 22, 1916, and counted the securities in his possession. We find the accounts accurately stated and the expenditures properly vouched.

Respectfully submitted,
MARTIN J. SHUGRUE,
ERNEST H. GAUNT,
Auditing Committee.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FUND.

To December 22, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1916.....		$169.36

EXPENDITURES.

July 6. Paid John Koren.....	$87.55	
Nov. 15. Paid John Koren.....	43.75	
Balance on hand December 22, 1916...	38.06	
		$169.36

S. B. PEARMAIN,
Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have audited the Anniversary Fund accounts of the treasurer of the American Statistical Association for the year ending December 22, 1916, and find the statements correct and the expenditures properly vouched.

Respectfully submitted,
MARTIN J. SHUGRUE,
ERNEST H. GAUNT,
Auditing Committee.

On motion, it was voted to accept the reports of the treasurer and the auditors, and to publish them in the proceedings of the meeting.

The report of the Nominating Committee, consisting of W. Z. Ripley, W. S. Gifford, and Fred C. Croxton, which had been sent to the members of the Association thirty days prior to the meeting, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, was then taken up for action. No other nominations having been made by petition, it was voted to instruct the secretary to cast one ballot for the following persons placed in nomination by the committee: President, Allyn A. Young; vice-presidents, Charles F. Gettemy, Joseph A. Hill, Charles H. Verrill; counsellors, John Koren, E. Dana Durand, Wesley C. Mitchell; treasurer, S. B. Pearmain; secretary, Carroll W. Doten; librarian, Horace G. Wadlin; editor, William B. Bailey. This vote having been cast they were duly declared elected.

Report of Library Committee.

The Library Committee has ascertained with care the existing condition of the Association library, and wishes to make this condition a matter of record by reporting it in full to the Association at this time.

It appears that when the Statistical Association turned its collection of books, pamphlets, and serials over to the Boston Public Library, the transfer took the form of an outright gift. The only condition named was that "the purely statistical portion of the library should be kept together, and members of the Association should have free access to the shelves of the collection." These conditions having been clearly met, it would seem that the gift still stands and that the Association is essentially without any library of its own!

The collection originally transferred numbered about 5,000 books and pamphlets. Some of these were duplicates of copies already in the Public Library. With the consent of the Association these duplicates were eliminated. From material already in the Library, transfers were made to the shelves of the Statistical Department, so that at the end of the year 1903 the Statistical collection numbered 10,756 bound vol-

umes. Since that year, additions have been made from three sources: First, gifts transmitted through the Statistical Association; second, exchange of the Association's publications; and third, direct purchase by the Public Library. Upon the average about 875 bound volumes have been shelved annually. Slightly more than half of these appear to have come to the Library through the Association or by direct gift.

It should be noted that not all the books in the collection are distinctly statistical. Works in economics, sociology, and allied subjects are included as a general rule. The Library's policy seems to be to hold within the Statistical Department all books and pamphlets dealing with subjects within the limits of social science. The complete collection numbers today about 20,000 bound volumes.

The collection has been quartered from the first in one of the separate rooms in the rear of the Public Library building. Stacks close beside the tables and in balconies overhead place the books within easy access. But lighting conditions within the room are not what they should be, and the general appearance of the quarters is unattractive. Yet there seems to be no prospect of a better housing of the collection. Naturally a Statistical Department cannot claim either the first attention or best accommodation of a general public library.

Such, then, is the present status of what *used to be* the Association's library. We find ourselves quite unable at this time to frame any definite recommendations looking toward action by the Association.

ROGER W. BABSON, *Chairman.*

After some discussion it was voted that the Library Committee be empowered, after consultation with the authorities of the Boston Public Library, to discontinue any domestic or foreign exchange that is not being utilized by the Library, or to deposit such exchanges in some other library, at the discretion of the committee.

It was further voted to inform the authorities of the Boston Public Library that there is some dissatisfaction on the part of the members of our Association with the way in which the library of this Association, which was placed in their care

some years ago, has been utilized by them, and that the Association would be glad to consider the matter of making some other disposition of this collection, in whole or in part, if the trustees are unable to meet our request for more nearly adequate care and a more favorable location for these books and publications.

The report of the Standing Committee on Business Statistics was made by Julius H. Parmelee in the absence of the chairman, W. S. Gifford.

It was moved and carried that the report of this committee be accepted, that the committee be commended for the preliminary bibliography which it has prepared, and that the committee be empowered to continue its work with a view to ultimate publication.

It was voted on motion that the Standing Committee on Federal Statistics be instructed to coöperate with the committees of other organizations in making suggestions to or otherwise assisting the Bureau of the Census in its preparation for the next decennial census.

It was moved and carried that the selection of the place and time for holding the next annual meeting be left with the Board of Directors.

The following resolution presented by Edwin W. Kopf was adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The present appropriation law covering expenditures in the several executive departments of the United States Government specially states that no part of the money appropriated shall be expended for paying the expenses of officials or other employees while in attendance at conferences, conventions, or meetings of associations, and

WHEREAS, It is frequently of mutual advantage to the Government and to scientific associations interested in the work of the departments that there shall be at such gatherings free interchanges of views in matters that concern each, and

WHEREAS, The present restriction makes for the curtailing or entire absence of departmental representation at the con-

ferences, conventions, or meetings of such associations to the detriment of the public good, be it therefore

Resolved, by the American Statistical Association in annual meeting assembled at Columbus, Ohio, December 28, 1916, That it is the sense of the Association that, whenever in the discretion of the heads of the Government departments or bureaus concerned, it will be to the public interest to send representatives to such conferences, meetings, or conventions, a sufficient amount of the sum appropriated for the maintenance of such departments or bureaus should be available to cover the expenses of such representatives for travel and subsistence during absence from Washington, and be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of the American Statistical Association that the provision of the present appropriation law which forbids the expenditure of money for the expenses of officials or employees in attendance upon the meetings of scientific associations should be stricken therefrom, and that the secretary be and hereby is instructed to forward copies of this resolution to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the chairman of the Committee on Finance, the chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House, and the Secretary of Commerce.

No further business appearing, the meeting adjourned at 4.30 p. m.

CARROLL W. DOTEN,
Secretary.